



# The Town Crier

City of Algona

MAY 2014

## Curbside Spring Clean Up!

Wed / Thur May 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup>

### YARD WASTE:

Yard waste must be separated from other waste, bundled or bagged in **brown paper bags**. Plastic bags will **NOT** be accepted! Bags cannot exceed **65** pounds. Brush and branches cannot exceed three (3) feet in length or three (3) inches in diameter. No rocks, bricks, cement, sod, dirt etc.

### GENERAL GARBAGE:

All garbage and/or trash must be in bags, boxes, or cans. **NO** appliances, furniture, or other large bulky objects. **NO** hazardous materials such as paint or chemicals.

### Fact:

*Keeping pollutants out of the water isn't just a good idea - it's the law. The Washington State Water Pollution Control Law (RCW 90.48) and the King County Code (KCC 9.12) prohibit the discharge of pollutants to the storm drainage system, surface water and groundwater. Direct dumping of material or polluted stormwater can negatively affect every water body it enters.*

## Kid's Fishing Derby –Saturday May 31– 9am to 1pm

Age 13 & Under

Matchett Park—402 Warde St

Reserve your tickets beginning May 19th for our first fishing derby!

A portable pond will be stocked with trout, and poles and bait will be provided! This is a free event sponsored by Puget Sound Anglers and Auburn Sports and Marine. Get your tickets and start a new hobby or sport, or just come for the fun!

## Recycling Collection Event

Saturday May 3, 2014—9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

ALPAC Elementary School

310 Milwaukee Blvd N

Algona's **Recycling Collection Event** will be on May 3rd. Items collected include used tires, used anti-freeze, used oil and oil filters, used batteries, bulky wood (large materials only), appliances, electronic equipment, computer peripherals, scrap metals, textiles, reusable or recyclable household goods, porcelain toilets and sinks, propane tanks, and other materials if practical.

**Some fees apply.** For more information, contact 206-938-8262

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The Algona City Council meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall

The Council conducts workshop sessions the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall

All meetings of the City Council are open to the public

**Council Meetings**  
2nd & 4th Tuesday

**Visit our website at:**  
[www.algonawa.gov](http://www.algonawa.gov)

**Home Town Community Services** wants to see you!!!

Come join us for a variety of activities. We are open Mon-Fri 9am to 1pm. We offer a lunch made fresh and served at noon. In addition, you can join us for crafts and exercise classes. Both are set to all skill levels. Crafts are offered Wednesdays at 10:30 and exercise classes are Tuesdays & Thursdays at 9:30am. You can find out more by liking our Facebook page **Home Town Community**



**Services in Algona.** There you will get a daily post about what's for lunch and more. We are located at 401 Warde Street and share space with the church. We also offer a FREE item give-away twice a month. These items can include personal care, clothes, books, and more. Please stop in and see us—the coffee and tea is waiting for you.

## **Skyhawks Sports Academy**

### **Sport Programs for Kids**

This summer, Skyhawks will be providing two programs for kids at Matchett Park.

#### **Beginning Golf**

Boys & girls ages 5–9 will learn the fundamentals of swinging, putting and body positioning. Using the SNAG (Starting New At Golf) system, instruction is simplified so that young players can make an effective transition onto the golf course. All equipment is provided. This course will be Monday through Friday, 9am to 12pm, July 14 to July 18. Fee is \$79.

#### **Mini-Hawk (Soccer, Basketball & Baseball)**

This multi-sport program is tailored to your child's age and skill level while teaching life lessons such as respect and teamwork. This program gives children ages 4-6 a fun and positive first step into athletics. This course will be Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9am to 12pm June 30 to July 3. Fee is \$65.

Register online at [www.skyhawks.com](http://www.skyhawks.com), or call 1-800-804-3509 for more information.



## Mayor's Message

### Regarding the Boeing Plume

Algona will be issuing permits for additional test wells and push probes in the next couple of weeks. Boeing has agreed to place three multilevel test wells in or near the city. We were requesting additional multilevel wells as part of the planning process. Although Boeing was reluctant at first, they ended up agreeing to the additional wells. The exact dates have not been determined as to when they will be drilling the wells or performing the push probes.

In the last year, Boeing has completed two rounds of indoor air testing on selected properties. Some properties elected out of the second round of indoor air testing. Boeing has also done some testing of the ditch water and yard water. The good news is the low concentrations of the chemicals.

The Washington Department of Ecology has reviewed the test results and Algona's scientists have also reviewed the results. Algona's representatives have been included in the planning and execution on a weekly basis. Our scientists are included in a weekly technical conference call and I speak weekly with representatives from Washington Department of Ecology, King County Department of Health and the Washington Department of Health. I am also in regular contact with Landau (Boeing's contractor) and Boeing management. Although the investigation has been going well, we still have a long way to go. We need to be sure we know the exact boundaries of the plume before Boeing can start cleanup. I do not expect cleanup to start until 2018.

### Retirement

Police Chief A.W. (Buster) McGehee has retired from his position in Algona effective April 30<sup>th</sup>. We will be closing City Hall on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 3pm so that we can have an open house in the City Council Chambers for Buster's retirement party. The open house will run from 3pm to 6pm, feel free to drop by any time. It is going to be an informal affair and we will have barbeque and other goodies to eat. It is an opportunity for everyone to stop by and visit with Buster.

I hired Buster in 2007, and he has made the Algona Police Department into a widely respected Police Agency. Algona has historically been a training station where we would hire and train a police officer and they would find a position in a larger agency. Buster was able to attract lateral transfers, saving the city substantial amounts of money. It costs in excess of \$50,000 just to train a new officer. I will personally miss working with Buster.

I am appointing Lieutenant Lee Gaskill as interim Chief of Police while we consider our options. City Council will consider confirmation of Lieutenant Gaskill as the interim Chief of Police at their meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup>. All interested parties should plan to attend.

### Activities

Once again we have numerous family activities planned for the summer. We have included a schedule with this Town Crier. We look forward to seeing you at as many events as possible.

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### POLICE DEPARTMENT Non Emergency (253) 852-2121

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Police Chief

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Lieutenant

**Gil Lenger**  
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Police Officers

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**Office Hours:**  
Monday – Friday  
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM





# MAY 2014

Don't Forget  
Free Popcorn  
Fridays !

**Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

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4	5	6	7 Curbside Cleanup	8 Curbside Cleanup  Planning Commission 6:30 PM	9	10
11	12	13 Council Workshop 6 PM  Council Meeting 7 PM	14	15 Penalties posted for past due March bills & notices mailed	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day City Hall Closed	27 Council Workshop 6 PM  Council Meeting 7 PM	28	29	30	31 Fishing Derby 9am Matchett Park
<b>June 1</b>	<b>June 2</b>  Disconnect notices for past due March bills	<b>June 3</b>	<b>June 4</b>  Water shut off for past due March bills	<b>June 5</b>	<b>June 6</b>	<b>June 7</b>

